

PRESIDENT REAGAN

... pledges to "do our utmost"

President Reagan, defending his intention to break with the SALT II strategic arms treaty because of alleged Soviet violations, promised last night that the United States will "do our utmost" in the months ahead to draw the Soviet Union into talks on a replacement treaty that would reduce superpower arsenals.

In a nationally televised news conference in which he appeared halting and sometimes confused, Reagan emphasized that the United States will seek to talk to the Soviets about a "definite arms-reduction program" before exceeding the SALT II limits when the 131st

B52 bomber is armed with cruise missiles at the time we're going to see it we cannot persuade them to join in the things they're talking about—arms reduction," Reagan said. "And, if nothing is done, then we'll make the decision with regard to that plane."

Reagan misunderstood two questions in the half-hour session at the White House. Asked about yesterday's Warsaw Pact proposal for major troop reductions, he responded about a separate Soviet proposal on reducing strategic weapons. Asked about yesterday's Supreme Court decision on abortion, he responded about a decision earlier this week in the "Baby Doe" case.

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## Gadhafi Skips Appearance

### Libyan Addresses Nation on TV Instead

By Loren Jenkins  
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TRIPOLI, Libya, June 11—Amid signs of confusion in his government, Libya's ruler, Col. Moammar Gadhafi, today failed to make a promised personal appearance to mark a national holiday here and appeared instead on national television. He renewed his verbal attacks on the United States and again expressed interest in an alliance with the Soviet Bloc to counter U.S. pressure.

In a rambling speech that marked the 16th anniversary of Libya's takeover of the U.S. Air Force's former Wheelus Base outside Trip-

oli, Gadhafi appeared dispirited, speaking of arming every Libyan village and fortifying every inch of its long Mediterranean coastline against a U.S. invasion in a war he said might last 10 years or more.

Speaking from a television studio in an undisclosed location, in a low, often muffled, voice and a Bedouin Arabic that at times left many native Arab speakers confused as to his meaning, Gadhafi renewed his threat to send "suicide squads" to the United States as a "deterrent" against U.S. aggression.

Libyan Information Ministry officials said they could not explain why Gadhafi failed to appear in per-

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## NASA's Mulloy Acknowledges Preflight Errors

By Charles Fishman  
Washington Post Staff Writer

Lawrence B. Mulloy, the NASA engineer often singled out for criticism for his role in the Challenger accident, acknowledged for the first time yesterday that "we took a step too far" and said he just "wasn't smart enough" to solve the problems that led to the disaster.

He said in a telephone interview that if he and his colleagues had properly analyzed the information available to them before the launch, they would have realized that cold weather could cause the joint to fail. A sound analysis "just wasn't done and it should have been," he said.

In a related development, President Reagan said at his news conference last night that no specific individuals should be held accountable for the accident. "I don't believe there was any deliberate or criminal intent in any way on the part of anyone," Reagan said, adding that the accident was the result of "complacency . . . a carelessness that grew out of success."

The decision of the commission investigating the accident not to hold individual NASA managers responsible has come in for sharp criticism from some members of Congress since the report's release Monday.

Mulloy, who was in charge of the shuttle's rocket boosters at the time they caused the Challenger accident, continued to defend his

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## Court Nullifies Pennsylvania Abortion Curb

### 4-Vote Reaffirms 1973 Decision; Administration Rebuffed

By Al Kamen  
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Supreme Court, rejecting the Reagan administration, today strongly reaffirmed its decision legalizing abortion, bucking down by a 5-to-4 vote a Pennsylvania law that the justices tempted to "intimidate" wakening abortions.

Justice Harry A. Blackmun, who wrote the 1973 decision, *Roe v. Wade*, announced the opinion from

the bench yesterday, raising his voice as he said, "We reaffirm once again the general principles" of that decision.

The court invalidated a Pennsylvania law that required doctors, before providing abortions, to tell women of the "detrimental physical and psychological effects" of abortion, to describe various stages of fetal development, and to discuss aid that might be available if she decided not to have an abortion.

The law also required physicians

to provide the state with extensive reports on each abortion, to have two doctors present during late-pregnancy abortions and to use methods least risky to the fetus' possible survival.

Blackmun said a "close analysis of those provisions" shows they were designed "to deter a woman from making a decision that, with her physician, is hers to make."

"The states are not free, under the guise of protecting maternal

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# Libya's Gadhafi Avoids Appearance at Festivities

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son for the anniversary of the turn-over of the Wheelus Air Base, as had been his habit since it happened in 1970.

It was clear from the invitation extended to foreign journalists in Europe and the Middle East to attend the anniversary that Gadhafi had intended to make a personal appearance—his first before westerners since the U.S. bombing of Tripoli and Benghazi on April 15.

As late as last night, Information Ministry officials were telling recently arrived reporters that something "big" would happen and that they "would not be disappointed."

Today, however, Libyan radio and television suddenly began announcing that Gadhafi would deliver a message to the nation by television and radio at 6 p.m. There was no explanation of why he would not appear at the rally.

Western diplomats speculated that either Gadhafi had been restrained by fellow officers in the Revolutionary Council—in which, according to rumors here, he has been forced to share some of his power since the U.S. raid—or he was depressed, sick or afraid to appear in public.

"We don't have long-distance missiles, but we have other things," Gadhafi said during the nearly two-hour speech, received largely with indifference here in the Libyan capital, where a rally and parade to mark the occasion drew no more than 2,000 spectators.

"We have suicide squads so that there is a deterrent," he said. "We are capable of striking and exhausting America."

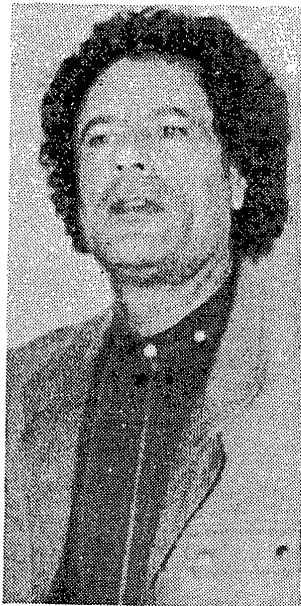
"We must be prepared to die," he said. "We are not afraid of the American terrorists. We are not afraid of nuclear bombs. We must fight and dance at the same time. We do not want to live under constant terror. We are ready to make an alliance with the Soviet Union and the Socialist Bloc. The non-aligned movement is not enough."

Ending his speech, he smiled briefly at the cameras and said, "We are waiting for the Americans—and so are the fish."

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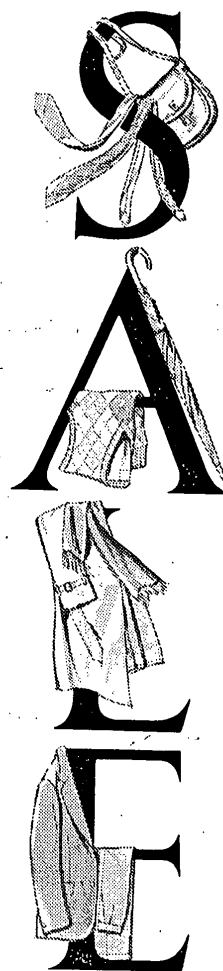


MOAMMAR GADHAFI

... rumors about his status spread

There were indications at the Green Square today that Gadhafi's role had waned. In one of the two reviewing stands for guest, only 18 diplomats were present, all from Third World countries. There have been reports that Moscow was dissatisfied with Gadhafi and had accused him of provoking the U.S. raid.

In the second stand for guests, where other dignitaries normally gather, there was only a delegation from Morocco.



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# Base is back

## Be In The Starting Line-Up

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(next page) when the umpire cries out 'Play Ball!'

This Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday  
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Ever since the U.S. raid, Gadhafi has kept a very low profile. He has made several televised speeches and appearances on television with foreign delegations or local officials in recent months, but no personal appearances.

His whereabouts have been a state secret, and he is not believed to have been living in Tripoli, where U.S. bombs destroyed his barracks home. Diplomats here believe he moves frequently between the desert oasis of Sabah and his wife's home district near Beyda in eastern Libya.

There have been rumors that fellow officers have been pressuring him to stay out of the limelight and relinquish his overall leadership of the country in favor of a more collective rule. Whether this has happened remains unclear, but today's confusion added fuel to this speculation.

## Post Adopts New Spelling of Libyan's Name

With today's editions, The Washington Post is adopting Moammar Gadhafi as the Romanized spelling of the Libyan leader's name.

Previously, the Post spelled his name Muammar Qaddafi.

The new spelling also has been adopted by The Associated Press and United Press International.

Until recently, Gadhafi would write out his name only in Arabic script. Transliterations of his name into Roman characters by official Libyan sources differed greatly. This has led to a variety of spellings throughout the western press.

Within the past few weeks, however, the Libyan leader has sent letters to several Americans in which his name in Arabic script appears over the typed signature block: Moammar Gadhafi.

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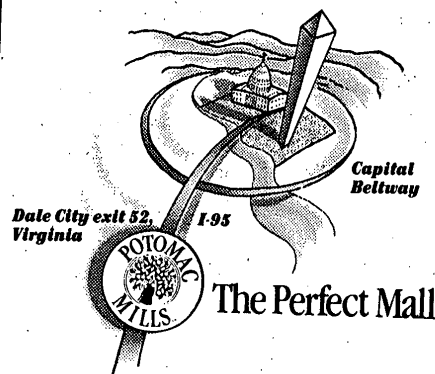
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